



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tsugio OKAMOTO

Group Art Unit: 2853

Application No.: 10/809,365

Examiner: G. MRUK

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Docket No.: 119261

For: INKJET PRINTER AND CAP UNIT FOR MAINTENANCE UNIT OF INKJET
PRINTER

SUMMARY OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In reply to the December 5, 2007 personal interview, Applicant provides a Summary of Substance of Interview. Applicant appreciates the courtesies extended by Examiner Mruk to Applicant's representative during the personal interview.

During the personal interview, Applicant's representative traversed the rejection of claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 5,757,399 to Murayama et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,375,305 to Sugimoto et al.

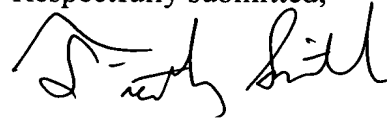
As agreed during the personal interview, and as reflected by the Examiner's comments in the Interview Summary, the combination of Murayama and Sugimoto cannot reasonably be considered to have suggested a secondary recovery portion including an ink absorber, which draws and absorbs the ink due to a capillary phenomenon from the primary recovery portion by contacting the ink absorber to the primary recovery portion to recover the ink, as recited in independent claim 1.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing and the October 18, 2007 Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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